



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
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SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2025

1. **Report of the Chair**

The Chair reported that in the face of ongoing fiscal challenges, members of the executive team are continuing to make government advocacy a priority. New changes announced by IRCC on November 15th stated that *international students must apply and be approved for a new study permit before changing learning institutions*. This announcement is concerning given B.C.'s robust college transfer program and SFU's close relationship with Fraser International College (FIC). In particular, it impacts students planning to transfer from FIC to SFU in January 2025. In the wake of this announcement, SFU successfully advocated for protections that minimize the impact of these changes for international students transferring to SFU for the spring term. On December 11th, IRCC issued a policy update to provide a grace period that allows students to continue their studies while the federal government is processing updated study permits. At SFU's request, the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade and Business Council of B.C. joined SFU's sectoral advocacy efforts and issued public letters to the immigration minister.

The Chair reported that she, in her role as President, along with the Provost, traveled to India in December to rekindle partnerships and provide reassurances that Canada is still open and that SFU will be welcoming international students from India. The President presented at a Times Higher Education Conference on Innovation and also met with a number of university partners, including the Indian Institutes of Technology.

The Chair reported that in recent months, there has been an increase in discussion among the SFU community about campus safety. The Campus Public Safety (CPS) team has been active on this file, which also surfaces important questions about SFU's community's approach to the topics of homelessness, mental health and substance use, and campus access. In December, Chief Safety and Risk Officer Galib Bhayani shared a message with the SFU community outlining new safety measures that have been undertaken in the past year, as well as sharing resources and reminders about our SFU Safe App and how to reach out to CPS for support. CPS continues to respond to all reported safety incidents, work with local authorities when necessary and provide support to community members impacted.

2. **Revision to Academic Dates – Summer 2025 Convocation Dates (S.25-1)**

Senate approved the revised schedule of academic dates for the Summer 2025 term by adding one additional ceremony on the afternoon of Monday, June 9, 2025 to the June/Spring 2025 convocation ceremony. Spring 2025 Convocation will now run from June 9th to June 13th, 2025.

3. **Amendments to GP 41 - Safe Disclosure of Wrongdoing (S.25-2)**

Senate received Amendments to GP 41 - Safe Disclosure of Wrongdoing for information.

4. **Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) Annual Report 2023 (S.25-3)**

Senate received the Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) Annual Report 2023 for information.

5. **Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Futures (S.25-4)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for the Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Futures within Beedie School of Business, effective Fall 2025.
 - Course (new): BUS 567, 568, 571, 573, 574
6. **Program Changes for the Graduate Certificate in Business Analytics (S.25-5)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the program changes for the Graduate Certificate in Business Analytics within Beedie School of Business, effective Fall 2025.
 - Program: Graduate Certificate in Business Analytics
 - Course (new): BUS 785, 787, 788, 789
7. **Program Changes for the Graduate Certificate in Digital Innovation (S.25-6)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the program changes for the Graduate Certificate in Digital Innovation within Beedie School of Business, effective Fall 2025.
 - Program: Graduate Certificate in Digital Innovation
 - Course (new): BUS 575, 576, 577, 578
 - Course (title): BUS 714
8. **Program Changes for the Master of Publishing (S.25-7)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the program changes for the Master of Publishing within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, effective Fall 2025.
 - Course (new): PUB 603, 604, 901
 - Course (units, title): PUB 605
 - Course (title): PUB 606, 607
 - Course (title, description): PUB 800
 - Course (title, description, prerequisite): PUB 801
 - Course (units, title, description, prerequisite): PUB 899
 - Course (units, title, description, prerequisite, equivalency): PUB 900
9. **Centres and Institutes Annual Reports (S.25-8)**
Senate received the Centres and Institutes Annual Reports for information.
10. **Centres and Institutes Renewal Applications (S.25-9)**
Senate received the Centres and Institutes Renewal Applications for information.
11. **Undergraduate Program Changes (S.25-10)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Fall 2025:
 - i) **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**
 - a) ***Sociology and Anthropology***
 - Program: Anthropology Major
 - Program: Anthropology Minor

- Program: Anthropology Extended Minor
- Program: Anthropology Honours
- Program: Anthropology and Archaeology Joint Major
- Program: Anthropology and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Anthropology and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Program: Anthropology and Sociology Joint Major
- Program: Linguistics and Anthropology Joint Major
- Program: Sociology Major
- Program: Sociology Extended Minor
- Program: Sociology Honours
- Program: Sociology and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Sociology and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Program: Sociology and Anthropology Joint Honours

b) *School of Criminology*

- Program: Correctional Studies Certificate (effective Summer 2025)
- Program: Legal Studies Certificate (effective Summer 2025)
- Program: Police Studies Certificate (effective Summer 2025)

c) *School for International Studies*

- Program: International Studies Major (effective Summer 2025)
- Program: International Studies Minor (effective Summer 2025)
- Program: International Studies Honours (effective Summer 2025)
- Program: World Literature and International Studies Joint Major (effective Summer 2025)
- Program: International Studies Certificate (effective Summer 2025)

ii) Faculty of Science

a) *Chemistry*

- Program: Chemistry and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Joint Major

b) *Mathematics*

- Program: Applied Mathematics Major

c) *Molecular Biology and Biochemistry*

- Program: Genomics Certificate
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Major
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Honours

12. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.25-11)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Summer 2025:

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *School for International Studies*

- Course (new): IS 260, 308

13. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.25-12)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2025:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) *School of Computing Science*

- Course (description): CMPT 363

b) *School of Engineering Science*

- Course (equivalency): ENSC 453, 470, 475, 488, 495

ii) Beedie School of Business

- Course (deletion): BUS 316
- Course (description, prerequisite): BUS 312
- Course (prerequisite): BUS 410, 418
- Course (title, description, prerequisite): BUS 419
- Course (equivalency): BUS 414

iii) Faculty of Environment

a) *Archaeology*

- Course (title, description, prerequisite): ARCH 382

iv) Faculty of Science

a) *Molecular Biology and Biochemistry*

- Course (title, description): MBB 421
- Course (title, description, prerequisite): MBB 423

14. New WQB Designations (S.25-13)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new WQB designations, effective Fall 2025:

i) University Curriculum and Institutional Liaison

a) *Breadth-Humanities*

- Course (B-Hum): URB 101

b) Breadth-Social Sciences

- Course (B-Soc): URB 101

c) Writing

- Course (W designation): SA 301
- Course (W designation): WL 402

15. Graduate General Regulation 1.6.7 - Human Subjects Ethics Review (S.25-14)

Senate approved the revisions to Graduate General Regulation 1.6.7 - Human Subjects Ethics Review, effective Fall 2025.

16. Graduate Program Changes (S.25-15)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program change, effective Fall 2025:

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) Urban Studies Program

- Program: Urban Studies MUrb

17. Graduate Course Changes (S.25-16)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2025:

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) Urban Studies Program

- Course (units): URB 696
- Course (units, prerequisite): URB 697

18. Graduate Course Reinstatements (S.25-17)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course reinstatement, effective Fall 2025:

i) Faculty of Environment

a) School of Resource and Environmental Management

- Course (reinstatement): REM 612

19. Senate Committee Elections (S.25-18)

Senate received a summary of the nominations, positions elected by acclamation, positions requiring an online vote, and outstanding vacancies for Senate committees.

20. Updated Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Reports (S.25-19)

Senate received Academic Plan (2025-2030): Update and Draft Priorities Matrix for information.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the March Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the January 2025 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-36928>.

If you have any questions regarding this summary, please contact Steven Noel, Senate Assistant, at senate@sfu.ca.